



August 29, 2011

Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90; *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*,
GN Docket No. 09-51; *High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 24, 2011 in Anchorage, Alaska, Dave Dengel, CEO, Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative and Brenda Shepard, CEO, Telalaska, Inc. met with FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski and Greg Guice, Acting Director, Office of Legislative Affairs. Also participating was Meagan Foster, Legislative Assistant to Senator Mark Begich.

The focus of our discussion was to describe operational realities for providing services to high cost rural Alaska communities and to ensure that whatever changes come about from the National Broadband Plan do not put our members at risk by eliminating affordable reliable services that are currently in place, that the extremely high cost of middle mile satellite transports precludes true broadband without some level of public funding, and to describe our wireless build out.

Please contact me for further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Dengel", is written over the printed name "David Dengel".

David Dengel
CEO

Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative

cc: Hon. Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Greg Guice

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